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SUBJ: GIEREK VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

1. RECENT TWO DAY VISIT OF POLISH FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK TO YUGOSLAVIA SEEMED TO BE MORE ONE OF FORM THAN OF SUBSTANCE. MEDIA COVERAGE WAS AS BROAD AS USUAL FOR EE LEADER VISIT. POLISH EMBOFF HERE STRESSED HISTORICALLY FRIENDLY TIES BASED ON SIMILAR WARTIME EXPERIENCES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS RELATIVELY SHORT AND BLAND. YUGOSLAVS RECEIVED WHAT THEY EXPECT AS STANDARD CONFIRMATION OF IDEOLOGICAL INDEPENDENCE WITHIN COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. THE COMMUNIQUE CONFIRMED THE PRINCIPLES OF "INTERNATIONALIST VOLUTARY COOPERATION AND THE
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SOLIDARITY OF COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTIES" EXPRESSED IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE BERLIN CONFERENCE, AND REFERRED TO POLISH-YUGOSLAV DECLARATION OF MAY 8, 1973. EUROCOMMUNISM WAS ALSO DISCUSSED BUT WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE COMMUNIQUE ITSELF PROBABLY BECAUSE OF CONTINUING DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. THE YUGOSLAVS, ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, EXPRESSED "FULL SUPPORT"

OF WEST EUROPEAN PARTIES PURSUING EUROCOMMUNISM WHILE THE POLES, THOUGH RECOGNIZING THE EXISTENCE OF EUROCOMMUNISM, EMPHASIZED CERTAIN "ACTIVITIES" OF WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES WITH WHICH THEY "DO NOT AGREE."

3. TITO ALLEGEDLY BORE HIMSELF WELL AND APPEARED IN GOOD HEALTH TO POLES. ALL SOURCES WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH TEND TO CONFIRM SUBSTANTIVE ROUTINENESS OF VISIT.

4. ACCORDING TO POLE, GIEREK'S FAMILY WILL BE VACATIONING IN YUGOSLAVIA THIS WEEKEND.
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